

TUESDAY, MAY 3, 1910.

Three-Eye Pennant League Race Opens Tomorrow— Will Meet You at the Davenport Park at 3:30 p. m.

ISLANDERS AND PRODIGALS MEET

Three-Eye League Season Opens With Old Foes Lined Up for Battle.

TO PLAY IN DAVENPORT

Big Preparations Being Made for the First Game on Schedule Tomorrow—Parade and Speeches.

As the Teams Will Line Up the Opening Day

At Davenport.
Rock Island, Davenport, Kohl, rf, Oland, cf, Manusch, lf, Hiller, 3b, Callahan, cf, Geyer, rf, Davey, ss, Irby, lf, O'Leary, c, Comings, 1b, Kelly, 3b, Nye, ss, Slattery, 1b, Hickman, 2b, Vogel, 2b, Coveney, c, Cavet or Lakaff, p, Delave, p.

At Springfield.
Springfield, Peoria, Lofton, cf, Meyers, lf, Schaller, lf, C. Moore, ss, McLean, rf, Outhbert, cf, Johnson, c, Biltz, rf, Smith, 1b, Smith, 2b, Bell, 2b, Rowan, 1b, Humphreys, ss, F. Moore, 2b, McGuire, 3b, Jacobs, c, Daly or Clark, p, Schmirler or Clark, p.

At Waterloo.
Waterloo, Dubuque, Wilkes, ss, Taylor, lf, Long, rf, Backoff, cf, Reldy, cf, Daringer, ss, Fremar, 2b, More, rf, Hester, 1b, Ronan, 2b, Wakeley, lf, Lerchen, 1b, Chase, 3b, Bewer, 3b, Searles, c, Mason, c, Buckholz, p, Glass, p.

At Danville.
Bloomington, Danville, Staten, 2b, Jenkins, rf, Long, cf, Sullivan, cf, Erwin, lf, Fisher, ss, Keenan, 3b, Burns, 2b, Novacek, rf, Jantzen, 3b, Nunamaker, c, Coombs, lf, Snyder, ss, Foster, 1b, Melchoir, 1b, Boucher, c, Royer, p, Benz, p.

With tomorrow comes the event for which the fans of this city and Davenport have been patiently waiting many moons past—the formal opening of the Three-Eye league season of 1910. The Islanders will don their war togs and invade Davenport and the season of 1910 will be ushered in with all due pomp and ceremony. In addition to the game marking the opening of the season, it also celebrates the first meeting of the teams this year, as the weather has prevented the three contests scheduled during the training period. The baseball bugs of both cities have been fairly aching to see their favorites pitted against each other, as both sides are supremely confident of the result. According to the dope both sides have teams that are in every way superior to the ones which battled last year and neither side expects to have to wear many long faces this year.

Great Preparations Made.
For three separate and distinct reasons the Davenport management has seen fit to make great preparations for the opening battle. The first reason, of course, is that it is the inaugural game in Davenport. The second is that it is the old-time rivals, the Islanders, who are to be the opponents, and the third is that it is the 10th anniversary of the founding of the Three-Eye league. Manager Pa Shaffer of the Prodighals is confident he has a better team than he had last year and that he can make a better showing against the Islanders. They, as usual, are willing to believe the manager until it is shown that their confidence is misplaced, and the result is that they are entering heart and soul into the opening day's program, because they feel that they are at last to break the long string of victories which Rock Island enjoys.

TIGHE'S ISLANDER SQUAD AT THE OPENING OF THE SEASON



JOE SLATTERY,
First Base.



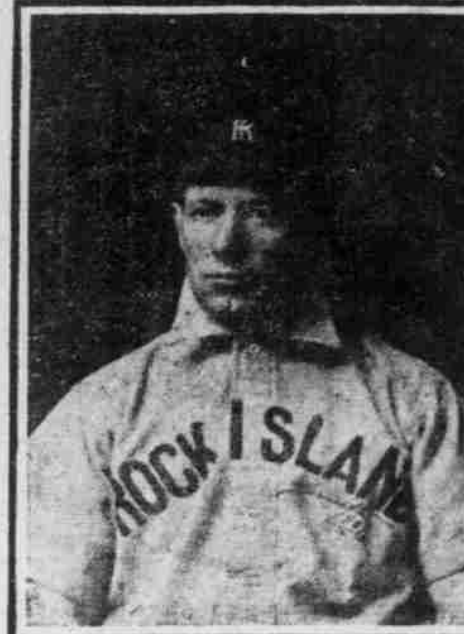
OTTO VOGEL,
Second Base.



JAMES DAVEY,
Shortstop.



HARRY KELLY,
Third Base.



DAN O'LEARY,
Catcher.



GEORGE MANUSCH,
Left Field.



JAMES CALLAHAN,
Center Field.



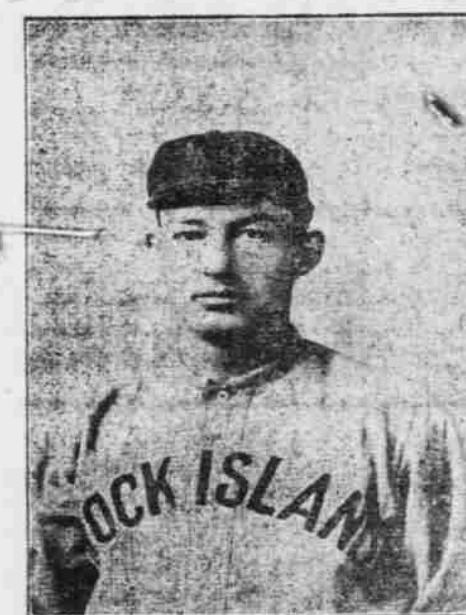
JACK TIGHE,
Manager.



WILLIAM HUNTER,
Right Field.



EDDIE KOHL,
Utility.



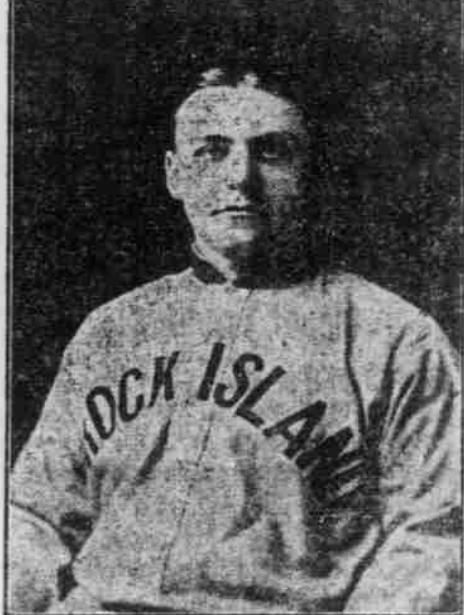
FRANK LAKAFF,
Pitcher.



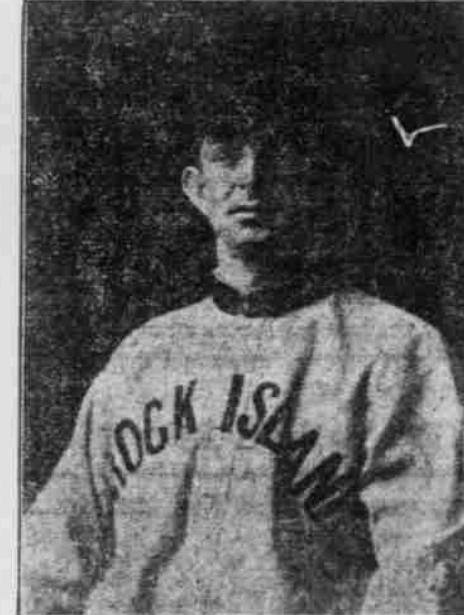
PUG CAVET,
Pitcher.



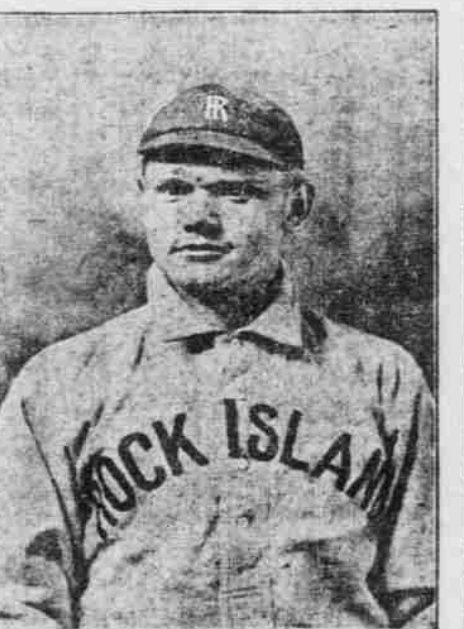
BOB COUCHMAN,
Pitcher.



WALTER QUEISSER,
Pitcher.



MARSHALL COMINGS,
Pitcher.



WILLIAM JACOBSEN,
Catcher.

home at Buffalo, N. Y., for a time on account of illness in the family. In addition to the above men, there are several other recruits still on the job and ready and anxious to work should they be called upon. These are Fred Fisher, the big catcher whose hitting has been a feature of many of the practice games in which he took part, Harle Wagner, a twirler who seems assured of making the regular staff until the arrival of big Bob Couchman and Freddie Ochs, outfielder.

The Opening at Home.

In the midst of the furor over the opening of the league season in Davenport tomorrow, it should not be forgotten that the Islanders are to open upon their home grounds only three days later. After playing a

series of three games with the Prodighals, Jack Tighe's men will return to this city for a two game series with Waterloo and following that there will be a three game series with Dubuque. The opening day in Rock Island will not be attended by quite as much pomp and splendor as will mark the occasion in Davenport, but there will be considerable doing nevertheless. It is planned to have a parade with a band and a number of automobiles and at the park there will be a few short remarks from those prominent in the city and in baseball. Invitations to the opener have been extended to President Al Tearney of the league, the president of the Waterloo club, and the mayor and other city officials. It will be a big day.

OUTLOOK FOR THE ISLANDERS AT THE SEASON'S OPENING

By W. H. Rock, President of Rock Island Baseball Association.

While we sold or had drafted nearly all of the players on our pennant-winning team of 1909, I have the utmost confidence in Manager Tighe's ability when it comes to picking a fast bunch of ball players. Although the weather during the practice season has been most unfavorable, the fans have had sufficient chance to see most of our 1910 players perform, and the general feeling of satisfaction is pleasing to me. We had it impressed upon us last year that a good team, though more expensive than a poorer one, paid better in the long run because of the patronage it commanded, and we have attempted to profit by this knowledge this year, and to have a first-class team in every respect. We feel that we have not only a team of first-class ball players, but a collection of gentlemen from whom we can expect a good clean article of ball. All this has been made possible by the sup-

port tendered the club by loyal local enthusiasts. Rock Island has always shown a true sporting spirit when it comes to baseball and has always had a baseball team. Whether or not we win the pennant, we are going after every game from the tap of the gong. Considering the popularity which the national game has won for itself all over the country, and feeling satisfied that we have as fast a squad of youngsters as ever wore the Rock Island uniform, I feel satisfied that the 1910 attendance will be the largest in the history of the Rock Island Baseball association.

By Jack Tighe, Manager of Rock Island Baseball Team.

From the class of ball which the boys have exhibited thus far this season, I feel safe in saying that Rock Island will be in the race for the pennant again this year. However, I would not care to predict that we will win again, as there are no grounds on

BUT TWO OF OLD GUARD ARE LEFT

Rock Island and Bloomington Only Original Three-Eye Members Faithful.

AT START OF 10TH SEASON

Davenport Out and In Again and All Others Have Fallen by the Wayside.

Presidents of the Three-Eye League.

1901, 1902, 1903, M. H. Sexton
1904, 1905, 1906, 1907, Edward Holland
1908, Thomas Loftus
1909, M. H. Sexton
1910, Al Tearney

Winners of League Pennants.

1901, Terre Haute
1902, Rockford
1903, Bloomington
1904, Springfield
1905, Dubuque
1906, Cedar Rapids
1907, Rock Island
1908, Springfield
1909, Rock Island

The Three-Eye league, which has grown to be one of the best known in organized baseball, was formed in 1901 at a meeting held at Peoria. The original clubs were Rock Island, Davenport, Cedar Rapids, Bloomington, Decatur, Rockford, Terre Haute, and Evansville. Terre Haute won the first pennant. Two seasons passed without a break in the circuit, and then the two Indiana clubs pulled out, with the consent of the others, to join the Central league. Dubuque and Joliet took the vacant franchises. Joliet proved a poor baseball town, and by the time Memorial day in 1906 rolled around the penitentiary town's affairs were in such condition that the owners quit, and the league, left with the club on its hands, found a home for it at Springfield. In 1905 Rockford's attendance fell so low that the league in the fall of that year voted to take away the city's franchise, and it was done, after the courts had been unsuccessfully resorted to in the effort to keep the team in the Rock city. Peoria was admitted to fill the vacancy.

Davenport Out and In Again.
In the fall of 1906 Davenport withdrew, owing to poor attendance, and Clinton entered, surviving two seasons, when the franchise became once more the property of Davenport.

An attempt was made in the latter part of the season of 1907 to oust Dubuque because of poor attendance, but the courts were again appealed to, and this time with success, Dubuque keeping its place and being one of the best cities in point of attendance in 1908.

Changes for This Year.
Since the close of last season Decatur in the south has been supplanted by Danville, while Cedar Rapids, succumbing at last to poor attendance, has yielded its place to Waterloo.

Rock Island and Bloomington are the only present members of the circuit that have been loyal from the beginning of the league's history. Rock Island won the honors in 1907 under the presidency of Jesse Spencer and last year under the presidency of F. O. Van Galder and Tighe's management.

In many ways the Three-Eye league has been a pioneer among baseball organizations. It is one of the earliest of the present class B circuits to be established on a basis which has insured permanent success.

Always Maintained High Plane.
It has always kept up a high standard of baseball, and its graduated players have held and are holding some of the best paying positions in the major leagues.

Through M. H. Sexton, its president, it was one of the first to agitate the organization of the National Association of Minor Leagues, which has obtained recognition for the small circuits and has taken a leading part in practically eliminating what is known as "outlaw" baseball.

which to base such a prediction. If last year's team may be used as a standard, I might say that our chances appear good to me. I have been asked repeatedly by enthusiastic fans if I didn't think that the team this year is even better than the pennant-winners of last year, the boys who made us champions this year. I have replied that it is still too early to say that we are stronger than last year, because it must be admitted that last year's aggregation was a powerful one, but that the outlook for this year is very bright indeed, and when all things are considered, I am satisfied that we will have a winning club.

Race With Wagner: Five Hurt.
Pittsburg, May 3.—Five friends of Hans Wagner, Pittsburg's shortstop, were dumped over an embankment 125 feet high while racing home with the ball player in an automobile.

New Head of Three-Eye



Al Tearney of Chicago, who says the prospects are bright for the best season the circuit has ever had.

Look for Big Crowd.
Davenport already enjoys the honor of having set the record for attendance at any one day in the Three-Eye league, Rock Island being the contender on that occasion and incidentally a double winner. This year it is hoped to surpass the record made last year and to help in this enthusiasm is to be aroused by a huge parade in which the players and many baseball and other notables will take part. In addition to the parade there will be short but interesting exercises at the park connected with the throwing of the first ball. Mayor Alfred Mueller of Davenport and Mayor G. W. McCaskrin of this city will furnish the battery for the first ball that comes over the pan, the Davenport acting as pitcher and the Rock Island as the catcher. Just before this performance there will be short talks on baseball in the two cities by the mayors, then comes the throwing of the first ball and then the big doings commence.

Make Up of Parade.

The parade, which will start promptly at 2:30 from the Commercial club on Fourth and Main streets, will comprise the following:
Platoon of police.
Strasser's band.
Carriage No. 1—Mayor Alfred Mueller of Davenport, Mayor George W. McCaskrin of Rock Island, Mayor Andrew Olson of Moline, Mayor W. O. Calvert of Bettendorf.
Carriage No. 2—George T. Baker,

president of the Commercial club; E. P. Adler, president of Committee of Thirty; W. P. Bettendorf, president Bettendorf Axle company; J. F. Porter, president Tri-City Railway & Light company.

Carriage No. 3—President Dick R. Lane of the Davenport club, President Warren H. Rock of the Rock Island club, President A. S. Lawrence of the Muscatine club, President W. T. Oakes of the Clinton club.

Carriage No. 4—M. H. Sexton, president of the National Association of Minor Leagues; Belden Hill, father of the Three-Eye league; W. M. Chamberlin, vice-president of the Davenport club; E. M. Sharon, director in Davenport club.

Carriage No. 5—Tri-city sport writers.

Carriage No. 6—The Davenport Baseball club directors; Business Manager J. T. Hayes, W. H. Harrison, Thomas J. Walsh, P. N. Jacobsen.

Carriage No. 7—Jack Tighe and the Rock Island team in carriages; Pa Shaffer and the Pretzels in carriages; fans and families in automobiles and other vehicles.

Line of March.

West on Fourth street to Harrison; south on Harrison to Third; east on Third to Perry; north on Perry to Fourth; west on Fourth street to Brady; south on Brady to Second; west on Second to Warren; north on Warren to Third.

At Third and Warren streets the band will board a street car and go to the park and the carriages will also proceed to the same destination.

GIRLS HELP TRACK TEAM

Raise \$250 for Leland Stanford Team That Will Compete at Champaign. Palo Alto, Cal., May 3.—The women students of Stanford university have raised \$250 through the medium of a "tag day" which will be used to help defray the expenses of the track athletes who go to represent that college at the conference meet soon to be held at Champaign, Ill.